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Personnel To Vote Here

SOQ(a) Patient Awarded Navy Cross at Hospital . . .

First Lieut. Henry W. Stankus, USMCR, a patient in SOQ(a) received the Navy Cross—second highest award given by his country—at this hospital last Thursday, July 27th.

Captain Joel T. Boone, commanding officer here, pinned the medal on Stankus while Lt. Comdr. Austin Friend read the citation message in the presence of the hospital staff.

The Navy Cross was awarded Lt. Stankus for extraordinary heroism in operations against an armed enemy. As a platoon leader of Company "F," Second Battalion, Fifth Marines, First Marine Division, during an action against the enemy at Cape Gloucester, New Britain, on 30 December 1943, Lieutenant Stankus, while on a combat patrol with his platoon about six hundred yards south of the airdrome, made contact with the advance guard of a reinforced company of enemy from a counterattacked against this hill by charging four different times. Each time, Lieutenant Stankus repulsed the attack although over half of his platoon were casualties at the time of the fourth assault. Reinforcements



FOR VALOR—Capt. Joel T. Boone presents Navy Cross to 1st Lt. Henry Walter Stankus as Lt. (j. g.) Gertrude Buvinghausen, navy nurse corps, looks on.
—(Post-Intelligencer Photo.)

arrived and Stankus, with his only remaining squad, continued to lead the assault against the enemy until assault troops had passed well beyond him. His outstanding leadership and courageous conduct were in keeping with the highest traditions of the Navy of the United States.

Plans Completed For The November 7 General Election

Complete distribution of ballot application cards for voting in the November 7 general election will be made at the Seattle Naval Hospital on or about August 20, it was announced this week by Lt. (j.g.) P. Thompson, Voting Officer for this hospital.

The cards, which will be applications for state ballots of the home states of the various personnel, will be distributed under the Navy's general plan to provide all eligible personnel with the opportunity to vote in the forthcoming elections.

Those eligible to vote will be men and women who are now 21 years of age or older or who will be 21 by November 7. This excepts the state of Georgia, whose residents may vote at the age of 18.

Will Set Up Voting Booth

Patients and staff members who fill out and mail the ballot application cards will, when the ballots have been received by them, have the benefit of a voting booth which will be established in the Recreation Hall. If they desire, they may take the ballots to this booth, vote in privacy, and then have the ballots certified by an officer or petty officer who will be assigned to the voting booth.

It will not be mandatory that they go to the voting booths to mark the ballots. However, before being mailed, the ballots must be certified by an officer or petty officer. Lieutenant Thompson said that most states will accept the certification of petty officers, such as Chiefs attached to the hospital staff or Mates designated as assistant voting officers. The voting officer will make available information regarding the certification requirements of the various states about the time that ballot application cards are distributed.

Lieutenant Thompson this week also called attention to the fact that Naval personnel are forbidden to conduct or to participate in a straw vote or poll on their choice or their vote for political candidates. The Navy department desires that every man have the opportunity to cast his vote in secrecy, but its policy is one of strict impartiality.

DOCTOR J. M. HILL LEAVES HOSPITAL

Official orders transferred Lt. Comdr. Joel M. Hill to Oakland, California, for further transfer to a newly commissioned hospital in San Leandro last week.

Doctor Hill who maintained a private practice in Houston, Texas, before the war was the Psychiatrist here and was in charge of Wards 36 and 37.

His departure cut the figure of this hospital's original doctors to three, for he assisted in commissioning the Seattle Naval Hospital in August 1942.

Additional Paving For Hospital Roads

Additional facilities for the U. S. Naval Hospital has prompted more paving to improve the road system because of the increased traffic. After some study, it has been decided to add a three-foot strip of paving along the SOQ and 30 group wards in order to reduce this hazardous condition along Juneau Drive. Along with this improvement, additional pavement is to be added from the northeast end of the boiler house along Yukon Way connecting with Aleutian Way to the BOQ. Also, Anchorage Way, the road connecting the Nurses' Quarters with Adak Drive, will be paved. Included in this paving in this area will be the connecting roadway with the Chapel, walks,

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Navy July 4 Bond Sales Total \$47,585,737

Campaign Just Completed Sets New High in Cash Bond Sales

The conviction that the Independence Day Extra Cash War Bond Sale would far exceed the Pearl Harbor Day campaign total was overwhelmingly borne out when July Fourth results came pouring in.

The final total was \$47,585,737.25, exclusive of bonds purchased regularly through Navy's payroll and allotment plans. This total was more than TWICE the December 7 volume of \$23,079,770 and more than 12 times the \$3,872,299 total of Independence Day of 1943.

July Fourth's results catapulted bond purchases since the Navy War

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LEST WE FORGET . . .

Standing in six inches of water at Tarawa, a young marine with the ocean at his back and enemy machine-gun nests just 10 feet ahead, fought for his life. Thirty hours on that beach gave him ample time to realize that his greatest need, even under those circumstances, was not rescue, was not even surgical care, but was the need of God.

FROM YOUR SKIPPER

By a very strange coincidence a mother of a Hospital Corpsman came to this hospital "seeking her son" the very day designated for the ceremonies arranged for the awarding of the Congressional Medal of Honor to Richard Keith Sorenson, Pfc., U.S.M.C.R. Two other Marines were to be honored at the same ceremonies. Major General Joseph C. Fegan, U.S.M.C., Commanding General, Department of the Pacific, following the decoration of Sorenson with the Congressional Medal of Honor, decorated Pfc. Robert L. Foss, U.S.M.C.R., with the Silver Star Medal and the Purple Heart Medal; and then presented the Commendation Citation to Corporal Chris G. Demo, U.S.M.C.R.

Mrs. Howard A. Anderson, unable to accept the official notification from the Navy Department that her son had been killed, set forth from her home in Colorado to find him, and her quest brought her to this hospital. Strangely, it was found that Private Foss had stood beside Willis Anderson, PhM2c., U.S. N.R., when young Anderson was killed at Tarawa. The mother, in learning that Foss had been with her boy, received first hand information of his final services to his country.

Mrs. Anderson courageously and graciously consented to stand with the officials as they honored the three Marines. At the conclusion of the official ceremonies the Commanding Officer introduced Mrs. Anderson to the assemblage and in paying tribute to her heroic son who had given his life for his country took occasion to emphasize the fact that he was a member of a most honorable branch of the military forces, the Commanding Officer adding that for thirty years he had served intimately with Navy Hospital Corpsmen; that he had fought close beside them on the battlefields of France in World War I and that Mrs. Anderson would be proud to know that in World War I no military branch received as many citations and decorations for valour in the Army, Navy or Marine Corps as was awarded to the Naval Hospital Corpsmen. He assured Mrs. Anderson that in coming here "to find her son" she could return to her home comforted in the thought, "You have found him in the spirit of this institution and in the members of its staff."

J. T. BOONE, Captain (MC) U. S. Navy
Medical Officer in Command

Chaplain Hartzel Lands 20 Lb. Salmon



Did the chaplain have divine guidance again? . . . or was it beginner's luck?

On a week's leave, Chaplain G. W. J. Hartzel challenged "The Sound" with fishing gear near Orcas Island recently and caught the biggest salmon in those waters during that week. His catch ran:

1st catch—7-lb. salmon.

2nd catch—20-lb. salmon.

3rd catch—14-lb. salmon.

Experience played no part in the heavy catch, for the last time the Chaplain went fishing was 20 years ago at Atlantic City, when he rolled in a terrific 2 lb. rock bass.

NURSES' NOTES

The "House on the Hill" is full. U. S. Naval Hospital, Chelsea, Mass., contributed eight nurses to our staff. They are Ensigns Katherine Meerill, Bessie Fenton, Eleanor McCarthy, Rita McGrath, Edna O'Connell, Eileen Gleasure, Rita Hogan and Mary Lawlor.

With "The House" filled . . . we naturally expected things to happen, but when they did so soon . . . it was rather a surprise. Lt. (j.g.) Kathleen Haselmaier will leave soon for San Diego and Lt. (j.g.) Adalaide Powell will go to Mare Island. We are sorry to see them leave and wish them the best of luck at their new stations.

BOTTOM OF THE BARREL

Normandy (CNS)—The Allies here have captured a 78-year-old German private and another who is only 13.

Chaplain's Corner

DIVINE SERVICES

Recreation Hall

CATHOLIC

Chaplain.....Oliver P. Zinnen
Sunday Mass.....0630, 0730 and 0930
Week-day Mass.....0620, (unless otherwise announced)

Confessions: Before every Mass in the Recreation Hall. Saturdays: 1530 to 1700, and after the first movie, in the Chaplain's Office. When there is no movie, 1800 to 1930.

PROTESTANT

Chaplain.....G. W. J. Hartzel
Holy Communion.....0830
Morning Prayer and Sermon.....1030
Choir Rehearsal.....Wednesdays 1700

Semper Fidelis

"Always Faithful" is the meaning of the Marine Corps' famous motto. Faithful forever to God, to Country, and to Self. Did you ever stop to realize the tremendous obligation which this motto places upon you and how hard it is really to live up to its proud claim?

To be faithful in all things at all times requires a real test of moral courage. You can't be faithful to your country and be unfaithful to God or yourself. Complete fidelity in life demands a constant assertion of moral will which is a freely given gift of God but which you, by sheer moral effort, must put into use.

Our Blessed Lord once said you cannot serve God and man. By this He meant that you cannot be faithful to yourself, your country or friends unless you are faithful first to God. You cannot be "Semper Fidelis" without first swearing allegiance to God—then with this as a starting point you can be faithful to your country and yourself.

Try to live up to this splendid motto and all that it demands, and you will learn that your life brings richer rewards and greater satisfaction than you have ever before possessed.

Be faithful forever to God and you will be always faithful to yourself and to your country.

Semper Fidelis.



1. Does "Fresen the nip" refer to adding whiskey to your drink?

Answer: No. In the Navy it means to set up again, to veer on a cable to prevent chafing.

2. What does the term "Scotchman" mean?

Answer: A piece of iron with ring attached, seized to the shrouds.

3. Is the Navy Expeditionary Medal authorized in this war?

Answer: Yes, but **only** the survivors from Wake Island are authorized to wear this medal and then with a "W" on the bar. All survivors of Wake Island are prisoners of the Japs.



We welcome twenty-five new Waves who just arrived from across the U. S. continent—Bethesda, Maryland. Two additional members to our group were also admitted. They are Alice Schopfer and Dorothy Tompkins, both PhM2c from Washington, D. C. We now boast 237 Waves on staff.

It is noted that Bea Redman receives from two to five letters a day from Jackson, now stationed at San Bruno, California. There is one sailor who doesn't have a girl in every port.

Good-bye and good luck to Lee Goins, PhM2c, who is reporting soon to Shoemaker, California, for Occupational Therapy school.

Hilda Blatt is lonesome for a lieutenant who was transferred last Monday to Philadelphia, Penn. Will the romance survive through the mail?

What is this we hear about Barbara Melichar, a new horse race enthusiast, who dropped twenty dollars at the track her last time out. We are a little skeptical of her bookie, whoever he may be, and if she selects the losers herself, we doubt if she will be bothered by any of the girls wanting tips on the next race.

Who is the new Wave HA that reported on Friday and received a diamond on Saturday

Navy Breaks Bond Record

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bond program was established in October, 1941, to \$671,648,895.50.

Top-ranking entry in the campaign was the Eighth Naval District, which paced the Independence Day bond parade with \$4,958,338.75. The four-million-dollar mark was shattered by five other districts—the Twelfth, with \$4,779,210.50; the Ninth, with \$4,525,668; the Third, with \$4,332,573.50; the First, with \$4,250,801; and the Fifth, with \$4,248,984.25.

Hospital Roads Paved

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parking area, etc. In addition to these main items of paving, numerous walks, access roads connecting new buildings with the present road system will be installed. It is contemplated too that a number of walks will be added in this paving program that will improve foot traffic so as to reduce hazardous conditions along some of the present roadways.

Send your copy of "The Stethoscope" home.

THE SPORTIN' THING

—By Brantman

The Waves, cadet nurses and N.N.C. can now enjoy the sport made famous by William Tell, namely, ARCHERY. We sincerely trust that the lassies do not try to emulate the above named personage, as apples are scarce these days.

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Despite the ribbing Chief LeMasters has taken on the subject of fishing, he still thinks he can catch one. Our illustrious chief is quite a traveler from the heat of Guadalcanal to the snow-capped mountain of Rainier; so in quest of finny fun with such spirit and determination that even the worms went into hiding we say, "Good luck, Muscles—hope it's a big one."

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It seems to us that Dr. Newman is developing into quite a seafaring man these days. The good doctor takes every opportunity that he can in going out on yachting expeditions that are sponsored by our kind neighbors of Seattle. Were you blushing the other day, doctor? Or was that a good old-fashioned sunburn.

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This column is curious to know how Wm. Zabawa, PhM2c, "swimming instructor of the Hubbard Bath," in Physio, is always on the ball whether he has 1 hour or 8 hours of sleep. The result is the same. Such stamina should be highly admired.



Pinups of Our Personnel . . .

Wife of PhM 3c W. Walters

Married five years and he still loves her. . . What a record! Walters met his wife in Oglesby, Illinois, where he caught her eye and turnabout . . . she caught him while pretending to admire his softball playing. Walters keeps his morale skyhigh with her double picture on his desk in the corpsmen's personnel office at all times. His wife works in a defense plant at Oglesby.



Mrs. Walters
wife works in a defense plant at Oglesby.

Hubby of Wave B. J. Ingalls

She met him as her patient in the Bremerton Naval Hospital, and when he refused medicine from her . . . she knew he was the man for her! Four months later they were married. Glen Ingalls, S 1c, is now on duty in the Aleutians and is outrated by his wife as far as the future is concerned, for she says they will make their home after the war in her home town of Peoria, Illinois.



Glen Ingalls, S1c will make their home after the war in her home town of Peoria, Illinois.

Heating Plant May Convert To Coal

Extremely critical fuel oil shortage on the West Coast, which is expected to become increasingly acute during the coming months will probably cause this station to burn coal instead of oil.

The 13th Naval District Public Works Office has been directed to draft preliminary plans for the temporary conversion of fuel oil burning equipment to coal burning at this Naval Hospital. Studies are being made preparatory to a decision by the Navy Department as to whether or not this conversion is to be made. It is planned that a joint stockpile of coal for the Naval Air Station and the Naval Hospital will be maintained at the Naval Air Station. Under this arrangement, the Hospital would haul the coal by truck from the general storage at the Air Station. If the conversation is made, it is estimated that the Hospital will use approximately 9,000 tons of stoker coal annually.

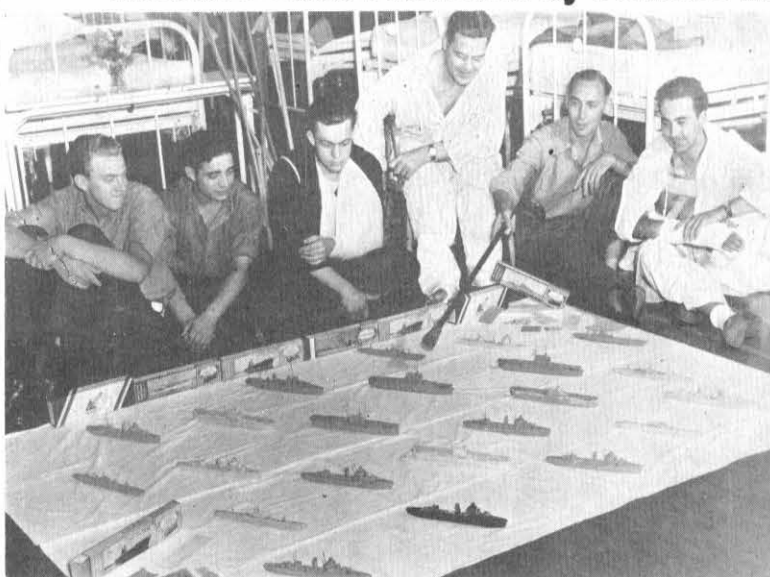
TWO-WAY BOWLING

Patients from Physical Medicine receiving further treatment at the Corpsmen tennis courts may now participate in a two-way bowling game. Twenty pins are used, ten on each end of the alley. One ball is used. One player bowls and the other player bowls back. The players set up the pins for each other. Scoreboards are located at each end of the alley where the opponent's score is kept. The game is ten frames long. Five extra points are given for a strike. The player having the highest number of points at the end of the ten frames is the winner.

NURSES' LADDER TENNIS TOURNAMENT

POS.	NAME
1	Prescott, M.
2	Vahey, V.
3	Davis, R. B.
4	Niederholzer, D. M.
5	Roberts, M.
6	Martin, H.
7	Marshall, F.
8	Knapp, M.
9	Bivens, M.

Minature Fleet Fashioned by Patients Anchored in Ward 1



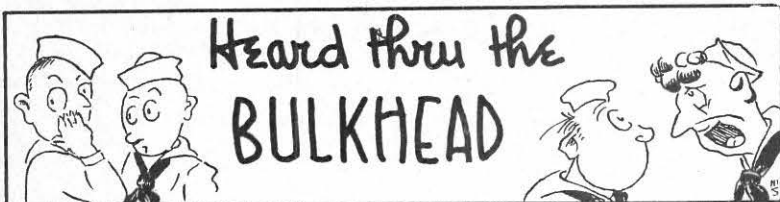
Seafaring men in miniature are W. B. Yeager, S2c; J. Fernandes, S2c; D. E. Worf, AS (V-12); C. W. Conover, CWT; R. A. Fuller, CCS; and D. E. Fenich, SC2c.

Miniature vessels of War adorn bed lockers in Ward 1 . . . the result of an epidemic of model ship building that has been contracted by patients at this hospital.

Obtained through the Red Cross, perfect ship model kits furnish builders with every detail from the parts and plans to the glue and sandpaper. Airplane kits run a close second but involve more time and talent than ship model building.

As for fleet construction . . . battleships, cruisers, carriers, destroyers and submarines predominate at the bedside shipyards. Production records vary from minutes on the part of Seaman 2c W. B. Yeager . . . to days for several marines whose constructive abilities are more adapted toward making things that run on land.

Actual number of ship models in Ward 1 will soon approach the century mark with many being sent home as gifts.



TWO ENGLISH SALTS IN PHONE LOUNGE

"Ullo, Bill!" "Ullo, Alf!"
"Come in to die?"
"Naw, yesterdie."

The world is too full of a number of things,
And surgeons who carve for whatever it brings.

Walljasper: "Gosh, I'm thirsty!"
Crawford: "I'll get you some water."

Walljasper: "I said thirsty, not dirty."

PhM3c Enders (just married):
"With all my worldly goods, I thee endow."

His Father-in-law: "There goes his seabag and fountain pen."

She was only a censor's daughter,
but she knew when to cut it out.



(2 August to 11 August Inclusive)

- 8- 2 R. Bush, HA1c
- 8- 2 E. Campbell, HA1c
- 8- 2 W. Robertson, PhM3c
- 8- 2 D. Rosier, HA1c
- 8- 4 C. Lyholm, HA1c
- 8- 4 Nancy Ferguson, PhM2c (Wave)
- 8- 4 A. Zwart, HA2c
- 8- 6 K. Ackermann, HA1c
- 8- 6 E. Falge, PhM3c
- 8- 7 F. A. Schmidt, HA1c
- 8- 8 J. Rutkowski, HA2c
- 8- 8 D. Hodges, HA1c
- 8- 9 John Siemans, AS (V-12)
- 8- 9 V. Myszk, HA2c
- 8-10 H. McLain, HA1c
- 8-11 Mary Closins, PhM3c (Wave)
- 8-11 Tubby Gibbs, PhM1c

"GAY NINETIES" SHOW PAID THE MORTGAGE



Zounds, what a motley crew! All the vices of the "Nineties" were displayed recently by the above out-of-uniform Waves and Corpsmen. The production showed a profit with vegetables and pennies that flew from the appreciative audience.

You can never tell how a girl will turn out until her folks turn in.

The midnight bus drew up to a smart stop. On jumped Corpsmen BEACH of the X-ray department energetically mouthing a freshly lit "White Owl."

"You'll have to extinguish that cigar or get off this vehicle," admonished the driver.

"*—!—&!* with you," replied BEACH, and off he jumped, to come limping aboard the hospital two hours later.

USO Commando Casteel, also tooter of the sax, was overheard being admonished by a little drug-store girl in Lake City, where he now lives. What she couldn't savvy was—how can he look so dissipated on his salary?

Daily Gas Offered Sailors On Leave

Naval Personnel who are on leave 72 hours or more are now entitled to receive special gasoline rations of one gallon for each day of leave up to the maximum of 30 gallons.

Ration currency may be obtained from local OPA Boards upon presentation of original copy of leave papers which will be endorsed by the Boards to indicate the ration issued. Application should be made to local Boards in the community where the automobile to be driven is located and should be accompanied by satisfactory evidence of the identity of the automobile the applicant intends to use.

Personnel traveling under official orders in which delay is authorized en route, which will be charged against annual leave, may present such travel orders in lieu of leave papers in making application to local Boards for special gasoline rations.

Characters but definitely Ruth "Texas" Denton

Unofficial morale builder of the Waves is a former Amarillo, Texas social worker, Ruth Annette Denton.

"Tex," whose literary tastes run to Tennyson, can't keep her feet still when Bob Wills fills a "Juke box" with the strains of "San Antonio Rose." Full of songs and witty stories, Miss Denton, is a perpetual riot and considered indispensable to the EENT clinic. Her ability to make surgery there an event of pleasure has some of the patients deliberately developing tonsillitis.

As a Mother Confessor for troubled Waves, she is unexcelled. Her human understanding can probably be traced to a love of her own . . . a "Willy" overseas!

Famed 'mongst Waves, because she can't get into a size 8 Wave's smock. "Tex" is never-the-less proud of her girth and is always



BUT Definitely

on time for "muster at Mary's."

Proud possessor of merry blue eyes, cute crow's feet, freckles and dimples, she stands about five-foot-five with her bunions trimmed. She's everybody's favorite, a hard worker and active in theatrical entertainment on the compound with the corpsmen's "Little Theatre" enthusiasts.

GI Bill of Rights Grants U. S. Loans To Servicemen

Here's the dope on what servicemen may derive from the \$6,000,000,000 GI Bill of Rights, passed recently by both Houses of Congress.

1. A maximum of 52 weeks unemployment compensation at the rate of \$20 a week.
2. A government guarantee of 50 per cent (although not more than \$2,000) on loans for the purchase of farms, small businesses and homes. These loans will bear the low rate of 4 per cent interest.
3. A maximum of four years' education aid for servicemen who joined the armed forces before they were 25 years old. Five hundred dollars yearly will be provided for tuition, plus subsistence allowances of \$50 a month for married veterans.
4. A veterans' placement service to assist returning servicemen and women in obtaining civilian jobs through the United States Employment Service.
5. Hospitalization, which is obtainable through the Veterans' Administration.

X-Ray Department Held Lively Picnic

Practically all of the X-ray department's personnel took over Silver Lake on Sunday, July 23rd. Assorted games were played that proved too exciting for Jean Walljasper.

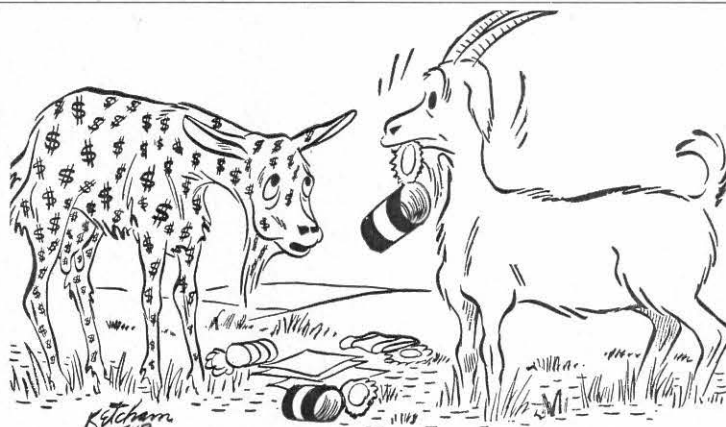
Among the many guests present were Drs. Scott, Marks, Steinberg and Newman, accompanied by their families. Highlight of the afternoon was when Wave Peggy Groff thrilled the crowd with a high dive of 35 feet into Silver Lake below . . . startled oohs and aahs rose to a screech as she surfaced with her bathing suit torn, due to the pressure of the dive.

Buy more War Bonds Now!

WANTED!

Watch Repair man to assist in hospital's Watch Shop beneath the Rec' Hall stage.

APPLY TO DR. SCOTT X-Ray Bldg.



Navy War Bond Cartoon Service.
"It must have been those War Bonds I ate last night!"